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PATENT APPLICATION

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Docket No.: SHC0029

Applicant: Toshio KABAYASHI et al.

Invention: NONWOVEN FABRIC AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 19, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) A nonwoven fabric containing thermoplastic microfibers, said nonwoven fabric comprising: